Joint Statement by Bayhealth and Highmark Delaware

DOVER, DEL. (May 13, 2016) – Highmark Delaware and Bayhealth are pleased to announce they have reached an agreement in principle that will ensure Highmark Delaware members will continue to have in-network access to the quality care provided by Bayhealth hospitals, outpatient facilities and physicians.

The agreement in principle is binding and will be implemented through formal agreements to be completed by May 20, 2016. There will be no disruption for patients in central and southern Delaware who are seeking care at Bayhealth.

"Bayhealth remains committed to investing in and providing quality care for the residents of central and southern Delaware," said Terry Murphy, president and CEO of Bayhealth. "We are extremely pleased that we were able to reach an agreement with Highmark Delaware that allows us to uphold that commitment."

"Highmark Delaware's new contract with Bayhealth achieves the important balance of fairly reimbursing a community-based health system to provide high quality care to our members, while also recognizing the need to maintain comprehensive and affordable health benefit programs for our members and customers," said Tim Constantine, president of Highmark Delaware.